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SUBJECT: CAMPORA EXPELLED FROM PERONIST PARTY

1. AS REPORTED BY FBIS, THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE JUSTICIALISTA PARTY CALLED A PRESS CONFERENCE ON APRIL 22 TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE DECISION HAD BEEN MADE TO EXPEL EX-PRESIDENT HECTOR CAMPORA FROM THE RANKS OF PARTY. THIS ACTION WAS TAKEN BECAUSE CAMPORA HAS MADE NO EFFORT TO DENY REPORTS WHICH NAME HIM AS ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE PARTIDO AUTENTICO AND FOR NOT HAVING CONDEMNED THE SUBVERSIVE ACTION BEING DIRECTED AGAINST THE GOA AND ARGENTINA.

2. COMMENT. CAMPORA'S EXPULSION COMES AS NO SURPRISE. THE PARTY'S DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE HAD RECOMMENDED IT IN JANUARY. WHEN THE FOUNDERS OF THE PARTIDO AUTENTICO WERE EXPELLED FROM THE PARTY ON APRIL 4 THE WARNING WAS GIVEN THAT ANY PERONISTS WHO ASSOCIATED THEMSELVES WITH THE DISSIDENTS WOULD SUFFER A SIMILAR FATE. AS THE MOST WELL-KNOWN PERSON AMONG THE RANKS OF THE LEFTIST PERONISTS AND AS A SYMBOL OF THE POLITICAL POWER THEY ENJOYED SO BRIEFLY, CAMPORA WILL CONTINUE TO BE IMPORTANT. WHILE HE APPEARS NEITHER TO HAVE MUCH INFLUENCE NOR DESIRE TO ATTEMPT TO DIRECT THINGS FROM HIS SELF-IMPOSED EXILE IN MEXICO, HE WILL PROBABLY BE USED BY THE LEFTISTS AS A FIGURE BEHIND WHICH THEY MIGHT RALLY IN ANY FUTURE ELECTORAL ATTEMPTS.

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